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Note by the Secretariat

Information on the status of the pre-session documentation for the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for 2013, as at 30 May 2013, is contained in the present note and is submitted to the Council for its consideration. It will be updated as necessary.

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1	**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**				
	Annotated provisional agenda (E/2013/100)	DGACM	29 April 2013	29 May 2013	Yes
	Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 2013 (E/2013/L.7)	DGACM	31 May 2013		
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	Requests from non-governmental organizations to be heard by the Economic and Social Council	DESA			
2	**High-level segment**				
	(a) High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions				
	World Economic and Social Survey, 2013: Sustainable development challenges (E/2013/50)	DESA	22 April 2013	4 June 2013	Yes
	World Economic Situation and Prospects as of mid-2013 (E/2013/70)	DESA	9 May 2013		
	(b) Annual ministerial review on the theme "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals"				
	Report of the Secretary-General on science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (E/2013/54)	DESA	17 April 2013		

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	Note by the Secretariat on science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (E/2013/47)	DESA	25 March 2013	27 March 2013	Yes
	Note by the Secretariat on the meeting of the 2012/13 Intersessional Panel of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/2013/74)	DESA	15 May 2013		
	Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifteenth session (18-22 March 2013) (E/2013/33, Supplement No. 13)	DESA	15 April 2013		
	Letter dated 11 April 2013 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2013/53)	DGACM	15 April 2013	21 May 2013	Yes
	Letter dated 30 April 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2013/58)	DGACM	3 May 2013	30 May 2013	Yes
	Letter dated 6 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2013/64)	DGACM	16 May 2013		
	Letter dated 14 May 2013 from the Chair of the sixty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Europe addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2013/78)	DGACM	21 May 2013		
	Letter dated 15 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2013/79)	DGACM	22 May 2013		
	(c) Thematic discussion on the theme "The contribution of the Economic and Social Council to the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda as a principal body for policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development and for the follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals"				

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the contribution of the Economic and Social Council to the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda as a principal body for policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development and for the follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals (E/2013/72)	DESA	10 May 2013		
	Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2013/15)	RCNYO	25 April 2013	4 June 2013	Yes
3	**Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation**				
	Letter dated 18 January 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/708-E/2013/4)	DGACM	22 January 2013	28 January 2013	Yes
	(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2011	DESA			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	DESA			
	(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the World Food Programme				
	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services on its work during 2012 (E/2012/35, Supplement No. 15)	UNDP	14 May 2013		

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	Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Directors of the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services (E/2013/5)	UNDP	3 December 2012	17 December 2012	Yes
	Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2013/6)	UNICEF	10 December 2012	4 January 2013	Yes
	Annual report of the World Food Programme for 2012 (E/2013/14)	WFP	22 February 2013	28 March 2013	Yes
	Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the work of its first regular session of 2013 (E/2013/34 (Part I)); annual session of 2013 (E/2013/34 (Part II)); regular session of 2013 (E/2013/34/Rev.1))	UNICEF	12 March 2013 22 April 2013	18 April 2013	Yes
	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the work of its first regular session of 2013: addendum — joint meeting of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the World Food Programme (E/2013/34 (Part I)/(Add.1))	UNICEF	1 April 2013	17 April 2013	Yes
	Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on the first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2012 (E/2013/36, Supplement No. 16)	WFP	21 February 2013	28 March 2013	Yes
	Note by the Secretariat on operational activities of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (E/2013/48)	UN-Women	27 March 2013	11 April 2013	Yes
	(c) South-South cooperation for development				
	Report of the eighteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation	UNDP	*The session will be held in 2014; the report would therefore be considered by the Council at its 2014 session.*		

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4	**The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (E/2013/56)	DESA	25 April 2013	30 May 2013	Yes
	Letter dated 12 March 2013 from the Permanent Representatives of Germany and Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/796-E/2013/12)	DGACM	17 March 2013	27 March 2013	Yes
5	**Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (A/68/84-E/2013/77)	OCHA	20 May 2013		
6	**Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (A/67/736-E/2013/7)	DESA	4 February 2013	20 March 2013	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (A/68/79-E/2013/69)	DESA	9 May 2013		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the main decisions and policy recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security (A/68/73-E/2013/59)	FAO	1 May 2013	22 May 2013	Yes

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	Letter dated 12 March 2013 from the Permanent Representatives of Germany and Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/796-E/2013/12)	DGACM	17 March 2013	27 March 2013	Yes
	(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development				
	Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 22 April 2013) (A/68/78-E/2013/66)	DESA	8 May 2013		
	(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (A/68/88-E/2013/81)	OHRLLS	17 May 2013		
	Report of the Committee for Development Policy on the fifteenth session (18-22 March 2013) (E/2013/33, Supplement No. 13)	DESA	15 April 2013		
7	**Coordination, programme and other questions**				
	(a) Reports of coordination bodies				
	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the fifty-third session (3-28 June 2013) (A/68/16, Supplement No. 16)	DM			
	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2012 (E/2013/60)	CEB	3 May 2013	31 May 2013	Yes
	(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015				
	Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (see relevant fascicles of A/68/6)	DM			

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	(c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system				
	Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (E/2013/71)	UN-Women	9 May 2013		
	(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti				
	Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti	DESA			
	(e) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)				
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (E/2013/62)	UNAIDS	6 May 2013		
	(f) African countries emerging from conflict				
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan by the United Nations system (E/2013/73)	DESA	10 May 2013		
	(g) Tobacco or health				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (E/2013/61)	DESA	6 May 2013		
	(h) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields				
	Note by the Secretariat on the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2014 and 2015 in the economic, social and related fields (E/2013/L.6)	DGACM	17 May 2013		
8	**Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (A/67/736-E/2013/7)	DESA	4 February 2013	20 March 2013	Yes

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9	**Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/68/62)	DPA	26 February 2013	5 March 2013	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/68/76-E/2013/65)	DPA	8 May 2013		
	Report of the President of the Council on consultations with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (E/2013/55)	DPA	23 April 2013		
10	**Regional cooperation**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2013/15 and addenda)	RCNYO	2 April 2013 10 May 2013 16 May 2013		
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/2013/21)	RCNYO	15 April 2013		
	The economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region: Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States in 2012-2013 (E/2013/16)	RCNYO	15 April 2013		
	Overview of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2013 (E/2013/17)	RCNYO	22 April 2013		
	Summary of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2013 (E/2013/18)	RCNYO	12 April 2013	23 May 2013	Yes

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	Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook (E/2013/19)	RCNYO	5 April 2013	17 May 2013	Yes
	Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Region 2012-2013 (E/2013/20)	RCNYO	5 April 2013		
11	**Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan**				
	Note by the Secretary-General on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/68/77-E/2013/13)	RCNYO	8 May 2013		
12	**Non-governmental organizations**				
	Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2013 regular session (New York, 21-30 January and 8 February 2013) (E/2013/32 (Part I))	DGACM	11 February 2013	28 March 2013	Yes
	Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2013 session (New York, 20-29 May and 7 June 2013) (E/2013/32 (Part II))	DGACM			
13	**Economic and environmental questions**				
	(a) Sustainable development				
	Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on the twentieth session (E/2013/29)	DGACM	*The date of the session has yet to be determined; the report would therefore be considered by the Council at a later date.*		
	Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifteenth session (18-22 March 2013) (E/2013/33, Supplement No. 13)	DESA	15 April 2013		

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	(b) Science and technology for development				
	Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (A/68/65-E/2013/11)	UNCTAD	26 March 2013	24 May 2013	Yes
	Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixteenth session (3-7 June 2013) (E/2013/31, Supplement No. 11)	DGACM			
	(c) Statistics				
	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fourth session (26 February-1 March 2013) (E/2013/24, Supplement No. 4)	DGACM	15 March 2013	17 April 2013	Yes
	(d) Human settlements				
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its twenty-fourth session (A/68/8, Supplement No. 8)	UN-Habitat	23 May 2013		
	Report of the Secretary-General on coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (E/2013/68)	UN-Habitat	4 May 2013		
	(e) Environment				
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-seventh session (A/68/25, Supplement No. 25)	UNEP			
	(f) Population and development				
	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on the forty-sixth session (27 April 2012 and 22-26 April 2013) (E/2013/25, Supplement No. 5)	DGACM	10 May 2013		
	(g) Public administration and development				
	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its twelfth session (15-19 April 2013) (E/2013/44, Supplement No. 24)	DESA	6 May 2013		

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	(h) International cooperation in tax matters				
	Report of the Secretary-General on further progress in strengthening the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2013/67)	DESA	9 May 2013	29 May 2013	Yes
	Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its eighth session (15-19 October 2012) (E/2012/45, Supplement No. 25)	DESA	20 February 2013	28 March 2013	Yes
	(i) United Nations Forum on Forests				
	Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its tenth session (4 February 2013 and 8 to 19 April 2013) (E/2013/42, Supplement No. 22)	DGACM	3 May 2013		
	(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions				
	No request for advance documentation				
	(k) Cartography				
	Report of the Nineteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 29 October-1 November 2012) (E/CONF.102/8)	DESA	20 November 2012	21 December 2012	Yes
	Report of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on the work of its third session (Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 24-26 July 2013)	DESA	*The session coincides with the substantive session of the Council, which will therefore consider the report at a later date.*		
	Report of the Tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (New York, 19-23 August 2013)	DESA	*The session will be held after the substantive session of the Council, which will therefore consider the report at a later date.*		

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	(l) Women and development				
	Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-seventh session (4-15 March 2013) (E/2013/27, Supplement No. 7)	DGACM	2 April 2013		
	(m) Transport of dangerous goods				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (E/2013/51)	RCNYO	5 April 2013	20 May 2013	Yes
14	**Social and human rights questions**				
	(a) Advancement of women				
	Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-seventh session (4-15 March 2013) (E/2013/27, Supplement No. 7)	DGACM	5 April 2013		
	Note by the Secretariat on the results of the fifty-first, fifty-second and fifty-third sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (E/2013/75)	OHCHR	16 May 2013	28 May 2013	Yes
	(b) Social development				
	Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-first session (10 February and 20 December 2012 and 6-15 February 2013) (E/2013/26, Supplement No. 6)	DGACM	8 March 2013	9 April 2013	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014 (A/68/61-E/2013/3)	DESA	28 November 2012	24 December 2012	Yes
	(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice				
	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-first session (6-7 December 2012) (E/2012/30/Add.1, Supplement No. 10A)	UNODC	1 January 2013	16 January 2013	Yes

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	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-second session (22-26 April 2013) (E/2013/30, Supplement No. 10)	UNODC			
	Report of the Board of Trustees on major activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (E/2013/80)	DGACM	28 May 2013		
	(d) Narcotic drugs				
	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-fifth session (6-7 December 2012) (E/2012/28/Add.1, Supplement No. 8A)	UNODC	20 December 2012	4 February 2013	Yes
	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-sixth session (11-15 March 2013) (E/2013/28, Supplement No. 8)	UNODC			
	Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2012 (E/INCB/2012/1)[a]	UNODC		5 March 2013	Yes
	(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees				
	An oral report will be provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees				
	Note verbale dated 12 February 2013 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2013/10)	DGACM	5 March 2013	11 March 2013	Yes
	Letter dated 2 April 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2013/49)	DGACM	4 April 2013	10 April 2013	Yes
	Note verbale dated 16 May 2013 from the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2013/76)	DGACM	20 May 2013	31 May 2013	Yes
	(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action				
	No request for advance documentation				

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	(g) Human rights				
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	OHCHR			
	Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions (30 April-18 May and 12-30 November 2012) (E/2013/22, Supplement No. 2)	OHCHR	18 March 2013	30 May 2013	Yes
	Report of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on its 2011 and 2012 sessions (A/68/55)	OHCHR			
	(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues				
	Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twelfth session (20-31 May 2013) (E/2013/43, Supplement No. 23)	DGACM			
15	**United Nations research and training institutes**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System Staff College (E/2013/57)	UNSSC	30 April 2013	30 May 2013	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (E/2013/63)	UNITAR	7 May 2013		
	Report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University	UNU			

Abbreviations: CEB, United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination; DESA, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; DGACM, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management; DM, Department of Management; DPA, Department of Political Affairs; FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; OCHA, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; OHCHR, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; OHRLLS, Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; RCNYO, Regional Commissions New York Office; UNAIDS, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; UNCTAD, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; UNDP, United Nations Development Programme; UNEP, United Nations Environment Programme; UN-Habitat, United Nations Human Settlements Programme; UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund; UNITAR, United Nations Institute for Training and Research; UNODC, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; UNSSC, United Nations System Staff College; UNU, United Nations University; WFP, World Food Programme; UN-Women, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

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Fiji: draft resolution**

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2004/69 of 11 November 2004 and 2012/33 of 27 July 2012,

Recognizing the call made in the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development for the strengthening of international tax cooperation through enhanced dialogue among national tax authorities and greater coordination of the work of the concerned multilateral bodies and relevant regional organizations, giving special attention to the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition,[1]

Recalling the request to the Economic and Social Council made in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus[2] and the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development[3] to examine the strengthening of the institutional arrangements to promote international cooperation in tax matters, including the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters,

Recognizing that, while each country is responsible for its tax system, it is important to support efforts in these areas by strengthening technical assistance and

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** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex, para. 64.

[2] See General Assembly resolution 63/239, annex, para. 16.

[3] See General Assembly resolution 63/303, annex, para. 56 (*c*).

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enhancing international cooperation and participation in addressing international tax matters, including in the area of double taxation,

Recognizing also the need for an inclusive, participatory and broad-based dialogue on international cooperation in tax matters,

Noting the activities developing within the concerned multilateral bodies and relevant subregional and regional organizations, and recognizing the need to promote collaboration between the United Nations and other international bodies dealing with cooperation in tax matters,

Recognizing the central role of the Council in strengthening the work of the Committee,

Welcoming the discussion in the Council on 29 May 2013 on international cooperation in tax matters,[4]

Noting the technical meeting on tax treaty administration and negotiation and the expert group meeting on extractive industries taxation held at United Nations Headquarters on 30 and 31 May and on 28 May 2013, respectively,

Taking note of the report of the Committee on its eighth session,[5]

1. *Welcomes* the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters to implement the mandate given to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2004/69, and encourages the Committee to continue its efforts in this regard;

2. *Takes note* of the 2012 United Nations Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries, developed by the Committee, notes the publication of the English-language version, and requests that:

(a) The Manual continue to be made freely available in downloadable form from the website of the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat;

(b) The Manual be translated into the other official languages of the United Nations and published in those languages as soon as possible after the publication of the English-language version;

(c) The Manual be updated on an annual basis;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on further progress in strengthening the work of the Committee,[6] and acknowledges the need for enhanced dialogue among national tax authorities on issues related to international cooperation in tax matters;

4. *Recognizes* the need for continued consultations to explore options with regard to the strengthening of institutional arrangements to promote international cooperation in tax matters, including on the issue of the conversion of the Committee into an intergovernmental subsidiary body of the Council;

5. *Emphasizes* that it is important for the Committee to enhance its collaboration with other international organizations active in the area of

[4] See E/2013/SR.12 and 13.

[5] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2012, Supplement No. 25* (E/2012/45).

[6] E/2013/67.

international tax cooperation, including the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and with relevant regional and subregional bodies;

6. *Decides* to hold, on an annual basis, a special meeting of the Council to consider international cooperation in tax matters, including, as appropriate, institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation;

7. *Encourages* the President of the Economic and Social Council to issue invitations to representatives of national tax authorities to attend the aforementioned meeting;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the Council on further progress achieved in strengthening the work of the Committee and its cooperation with concerned multilateral bodies and relevant regional and subregional organizations;

9. *Recognizes* the progress made by the Financing for Development Office in its work in developing, within its mandate, a capacity development programme in international tax cooperation aimed at strengthening the capacity of the ministries of finance and national tax authorities in developing countries to develop more effective and efficient tax systems, which support the desired levels of public and private investment, and to combat tax evasion, and requests the Office, in partnership with other stakeholders, to continue its work in this area and to broaden the scope of its activities within existing resources and mandates;

10. *Stresses* the need for appropriate funding for the subsidiary bodies of the Committee to enable those bodies to fulfil their mandates;

11. *Reiterates*, in this regard, its appeal to Member States, relevant organizations and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for International Cooperation in Tax Matters, established by the Secretary-General in order to supplement regular budgetary resources, and invites the Secretary-General to intensify efforts to that end.

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Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Istanbul Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020,[2] adopted by the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 9 to 13 May 2011, and endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 65/280 of 17 June 2011, in which the Assembly called upon all the relevant stakeholders to commit to implementing the Programme of Action,

Reaffirming the overarching goal of the Istanbul Programme of Action of overcoming the structural challenges faced by the least developed countries in order to eradicate poverty, achieve the internationally agreed development goals and enable graduation from the least developed country category,

Recalling its resolution 2012/26 of 27 July 2012 on the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 67/220 and 67/221 of 21 December 2012,

Emphasizing the need for coordinated implementation, coherent follow-up and monitoring of the Istanbul Programme of Action, and noting the key role of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011* (A/CONF.219/7), chap. I.

[2] Ibid., chap. II.

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Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in this regard, as set out in paragraph 155 of the Programme of Action,

Recognizing that, over the years, the responsibilities of the Office of the High Representative have increased considerably in their scope and complexity,

Noting that the theme of the 2013 annual ministerial review is "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, in promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals",

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020;[3]

2. *Reaffirms* the commitment, made by the international community in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,[4] to assist the least developed countries in their efforts to achieve sustainable development, and also reaffirms the agreement to effectively implement the Istanbul Programme of Action[2] and to fully integrate its priority areas into the framework for action contained in the outcome document, the broader implementation of which will contribute to the overarching goal of the Programme of Action of enabling half the least developed countries to meet the criteria for graduation by 2020;

3. *Expresses concern* that the ongoing impact of the financial and economic crisis demonstrates the need for appropriate regional and international support to be deployed in a timely and targeted manner to complement the efforts of the least developed countries aimed at building resilience in the face of economic shocks and mitigating the effects of such shocks;

4. *Reaffirms* that building a critical mass of viable and competitive productive capacity in agriculture, manufacturing and services is essential if the least developed countries are to benefit from greater integration into the global economy, increase their resilience to shocks, sustain inclusive and equitable growth and eradicate poverty, achieve structural transformation and generate full and productive employment and decent work for all;

5. *Notes* the efforts made by the least developed countries towards full employment and decent work for all and expresses its concern that, despite considerable efforts, those countries are yet to generate a sufficient number of decent jobs for their growing working-age populations, including because of the structural constraints of their economies, and in this regard encourages further action by the least developed countries to strengthen productive capacities, as outlined in the Istanbul Programme of Action, and recalls the commitments made by the development partners in the Programme of Action to provide, inter alia, enhanced financial and technical support to the least developed countries to develop productive capacities, in order to support the efforts of the least developed countries to achieve structural transformation and generate full and productive employment and decent work for all;

6. *Recognizes* that least developed countries have made some progress on many of the goals and targets in the Istanbul Programme of Action, leading to structural change in a few of them, expresses its concern that most least developed

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[3] A/68/88-E/2013/81.

[4] General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.

countries continue to face pervasive poverty, serious structural impediments to growth, low levels of human development and high exposure to shocks and disasters, and also expresses its concern that the deteriorating global economic environment is affecting the least developed countries through declining foreign direct investment and official development assistance flows, therefore putting at risk the hard-won gains achieved so far and the ability to expand those gains to all least developed countries;

7. *Welcomes* the progress in, and stresses the importance of, mainstreaming the Istanbul Programme of Action into the development cooperation frameworks of development partners, and calls upon the development partners to further integrate the Istanbul Programme of Action into their respective national cooperation policy frameworks, programmes and activities, as appropriate, to ensure enhanced, predictable and targeted support to the least developed countries, as set out in the Istanbul Programme of Action, and the delivery of their commitments, and to consider appropriate measures to overcome shortfalls or shortcomings, if any;

8. *Invites* all organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations, including the Bretton Woods institutions and international and regional financial institutions, to contribute to the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, including by implementing enhanced substantive and technical assistance to the least developed countries in a timely manner, and to integrate it into their programmes of work, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates, and to participate fully in its review at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, and in this regard requests them to report to their respective governing bodies on an annual basis;

9. *Underlines* that the official development assistance continues to be the largest source of external financing for the development of least developed countries and plays an important role in their development, and expresses its serious concern that, according to the preliminary estimates of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development for 2012, net bilateral official development assistance to least developed countries has dropped by 12.8 per cent, compared with the 2011 level, and in this regard calls upon the developed countries to reverse the decline in official development assistance to least developed countries and, while acknowledging the fulfilment by some developed countries of official development assistance commitments of 0.15 per cent to 0.20 per cent of their gross national income to least developed countries, urges those that have not yet done so to fulfil their commitments of official development assistance to least developed countries, and in this regard also calls upon them to review their official development assistance commitments with a view to further enhancing the resources for least developed countries, as set out in the Istanbul Programme of Action;

10. *Welcomes* steps to improve the effectiveness and quality of aid in least developed countries, and underlines the need for enhancing the quantity and quality of aid to least developed countries by strengthening national ownership, alignment, harmonization, predictability, mutual accountability and transparency, and results orientation;

11. *Calls upon* the least developed countries, their development partners, the United Nations system and all other actors to further intensify their efforts to fully and effectively implement the commitments that have been made in the Istanbul Programme of Action in its eight priority areas, namely, (a) productive capacity, (b) agriculture, food security and rural development, (c) trade, (d) commodities,

(e) human and social development, (f) multiple crises and other emerging challenges, (g) mobilizing financial resources for development and capacity-building, and (h) good governance at all levels, in a coordinated, coherent and expeditious manner;

12. *Calls upon* the least developed countries, in cooperation with their development partners, to broaden their existing country review mechanisms, including those for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the implementation of poverty reduction strategy papers, common country assessments and United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks, and the existing consultative mechanisms to cover the review of the Istanbul Programme of Action;

13. *Calls upon* the developing countries, guided by the spirit of solidarity and consistent with their capabilities, to provide support for the effective implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action in mutually agreed areas of cooperation within the framework of South-South cooperation, which is a complement to, but not a substitute for, North-South cooperation;

14. *Invites* the private sector, civil society and foundations to contribute to the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action in their respective areas of competence in line with the national priorities of the least developed countries;

15. *Welcomes with appreciation* the decisions taken by various entities of the United Nations system, and in this regard invites the governing bodies of all other United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies to do the same in an expeditious manner, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates;

16. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to include the issues of concern to the least developed countries in all relevant reports in the economic, social, environmental and related fields in order to support the implementation of the goals set out in the Istanbul Programme of Action;

17. *Underlines* the need to give particular attention to the issues and concerns of the least developed countries in all major United Nations conferences and processes;

18. *Recalls* the request made by the General Assembly to the Secretary-General to take the steps necessary to undertake a joint gap and capacity analysis on a priority basis by 2013, with the aim of establishing a technology bank and science, technology and innovation supporting mechanism dedicated to the least developed countries, building on existing international initiatives;

19. *Underlines* the need to ensure the mutual accountability of the least developed countries and their development partners for delivering the commitments undertaken under the Istanbul Programme of Action, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a proposal outlining the mechanisms for mutual accountability;

20. *Reaffirms* its decision to include in its annual ministerial review, in 2015, a review of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action;

21. *Reiterates* that the Development Cooperation Forum should continue to take into consideration the Istanbul Programme of Action when it reviews the trends in international development cooperation, as well as policy coherence for development;

22. *Expresses its concern* that, although least developed countries have made some progress in social and human development, many of the goals and targets of the Millennium Development Goals have yet to be achieved, and calls upon the international community to give special priority to least developed countries in

order to accelerate the progress in attaining the Millennium Development Goals in least developed countries by 2015;

23. *Underlines* the need to give appropriate consideration in the post-2015 development agenda to the special needs and development priorities of the least developed countries, including those contained in the Istanbul Programme of Action, such as productive capacity-building, including through the rapid development of infrastructure and energy, environmentally sound policies to achieve sustained, equitable and inclusive economic growth; structural transformation; food security; poverty eradication; and resilience-building and sufficient policy space to pursue the agenda of structural transformation and productive employment;

24. *Takes note* of the biennial reviews of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action undertaken by the relevant United Nations regional commissions in 2013, and invites them to continue to carry out such reviews in close coordination with the global-level and country-level follow-up processes and in cooperation with subregional and regional development banks and intergovernmental organizations;

25. *Notes with appreciation* that several least developed countries have expressed their intention to reach the status of graduation by 2020, invites them to start the preparations for their graduation and transition strategy, and requests the relevant United Nations system organizations, in particular the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, to extend necessary support in this regard;

26. *Recognizes* that the activities relating to least developed countries carried out within the United Nations system need to be further consolidated in order to ensure effective monitoring and follow-up of the Istanbul Programme of Action, in particular in the context of the increased responsibilities and strengthening of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the imperative need to provide adequate resources and well-coordinated support to realizing the goal of enabling half of the least developed countries to meet the criteria for graduation by 2020, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions in this regard in respect of strengthening the capacity of the Office of the High Representative and to report thereon to the Council at its next session;

27. *Calls upon* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, major groups and other donors to contribute in a timely manner to the Trust Fund in support of the activities undertaken by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States to support the implementation, follow-up and monitoring of the Istanbul Programme of Action as well as the participation of the representatives from the least developed countries in the annual review meeting on the implementation of the Programme of Action by the Council as well as in other relevant forums, and in this regard expresses its appreciation to those countries that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its substantive session of 2014, under the sub-item entitled "Review and coordination of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020", a progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action.

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Human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions and decisions on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda.[1]

Acknowledging the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) towards attaining the goal of sustainable urban development and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, as well as of other goals and targets relevant to human settlements,

Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled "The future we want",[2]

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 67/216 of 21 December 2012, in which the Assembly took decisions on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III), to be held in 2016,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;[3]

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat);[4]

* E/2013/100.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.

[3] E/2013/68.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/68/8).

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3. *Notes* the approval of the strategic plan for 2014-2019 by the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session;[5]

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its sixty-eighth session, designate 31 October of every year beginning in 2014 as World Cities Day, as proposed in resolution 24/1 of the Governing Council;

5. *Invites* Governments to further promote sustainable urbanization and the role of local authorities in their national development policies and programmes and to consider the environmentally sustainable, socially inclusive and economically productive roles of cities in the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals;

6. *Encourages* Governments to initiate processes to strengthen or develop national urban policies as a key strategy for national socioeconomic development that maximizes the national and local benefits of urbanization, integrates housing policy and mitigates potential adverse externalities, and as a coordination mechanism among different sectors and Government ministries;

7. *Urges* Governments to allocate appropriate financial and human resources for slum upgrading and prevention and for improving the access of poor communities to urban basic services, and to establish financing strategies that mobilize public subsidies and income generated by land regularization and reallocation processes;

8. *Encourages* Governments to expedite the preparation of national reports assessing the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and other relevant internationally agreed goals and targets, as well as identifying future policy directions for inclusion in a "New Urban Agenda" at the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III);

9. *Reiterates* its invitation to the international donor community and financial institutions to contribute generously to UN-Habitat through increased voluntary financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and invites Governments in a position to do so and other stakeholders to provide predictable multi-year funding and increased non-earmarked contributions;

10. *Invites* the international donor community and financial institutions to support the national, regional and global preparations for Habitat III, through voluntary contributions to the trust fund for the conference;

11. *Encourages* Governments and Habitat Agenda partners to give appropriate consideration, in their contributions to the post-2015 development agenda, to sustainable urbanization and sustainable urban development and to the role of cities and local governments in this regard;

12. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Ecuador to host the conference in Quito in 2016, and invites participation in the conference at the highest possible level;

13. *Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-eighth session the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated

[5] Ibid., annex, resolution 24/15.

implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the report of the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council for consideration at its substantive session of 2014 a report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda.